

Fort Meade's Access Control Plan



On or before Aug. 20, vehicles that are not registered with the installation Provost Marshal will be denied access and re-routed to a visitor's center at the entrance of Reece Road and Route 175. At the center, personnel will have the opportunity to register their vehicles or obtain a visitor's day pass whichever officials deem appropriate.

To register a vehicle, a person must show: an ID showing government affiliation; a valid driver's license and valid registration as well as proof of insurance. If the vehicle is not owned by the registrant, the owner must authorize the registration with either a power of attorney or a notarized letter.

The Provost Marshal Office Vehicle Registration Section is in Building 2234, Huber Road, Fort Meade. It is open 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays (excluding holidays). Call (301) 677-9625 for more information.

Gates that will be open 24 hours a day/seven days a week (for registered vehicles only) are: Mapes Road and Route 32, Reece Road and Route 175 (Visitor's Center), Canine Road and Route 32, Sanford Road and Route 32 (temporarily closed due to construction)

Range Road and Pepper Road gates were permanently closed July 6 and will remain closed.

Connector Road and Baltimore-Washington Parkway; Mapes Road and Route 175 and Rockenbach Road and Route 175 will be open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. They will be closed holidays and weekends.

Llewellyn Avenue and Route 175 will be open 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. AND 3 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. It will also be closed weekends and holidays.

Background

"If you live or work on post, your vehicle must be registered," said Installation Commander Col. Michael J. Stewart. "We've been taking steps toward this end since we began our vehicle registration program in April. More than 8,900 folks have registered. If you haven't, now is the time."

The change stems from guidance from Army leadership and specifically from Military District of Washington Commander Maj. Gen. James T. Jackson. All other MDW installations - forts Hamilton, N.Y.; A.P. Hill, Belvoir and Myer, Va.; and McNair, Washington, D.C., will also implement changes in the access control programs.

In response to those who ask why implement changes now, Jackson said, "I read most every day where a lot of communities are talking about how to better protect and care for their citizens. We feel it is important to protect our installations and our families who reside there. Our families are our most valuable commodity."

The Army, said Jackson, is no different than civilian communities. It wants to provide the best situation for people to work, live and play - and that includes providing them with the safest environment reasonably possible.

Fort Meade will continue being a good neighbor, said Stewart, and will work to minimize any inconvenience to residents, customers, visitors and our external neighbors.

